

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

Claim 1 (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) Method as recited in claim 14 wherein said treatment agent is added in an amount of about 1-10,000 ppm based upon one million parts of said aqueous solution or dispersion.

3. (Original) Method as recited in claim 2 wherein said treatment is added in an amount of about 1-2,000 ppm.

Claims 4-6 (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) Method as recited in claim 14 comprising spraying or pouring an aqueous solution or dispersion containing said treatment agent on said membrane or immersing said membrane in an aqueous solution containing said treatment agent.

8. (Previously Presented) Method as recited in claim 14 wherein said membrane is a polyamide R.O. membrane.

Claims 9-11 (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) Method as recited in claim 14 wherein said treatment agent is AA/APES.

13. (Previously Presented) Method recited in claim 14 wherein said treatment agent is AA/PEGAE.

14. (Currently Amended) Method of treating a semi-permeable filter membrane of the type that separates salt from an aqueous solution or dispersion, wherein said aqueous solution or dispersion is prone to the formation of calcium phosphate precipitate therein and along surfaces of said membrane, said method comprising contacting said filter membrane with said aqueous solution or dispersion and admitting to said aqueous solution or dispersion an effective amount of a treatment agent selected from the group consisting of AA/APES, AA/PEGAE, and AA/1-allyloxy-2,3 propanediol, and mixtures thereof, said treatment being effective in inhibiting said calcium phosphate precipitation while ~~not adversely affecting~~ improving salt rejection of said membrane and not adversely affecting throughput of said aqueous solution or dispersion through said membrane.

15. (Previously Presented) Method as recited in claim 14 wherein said treatment agent is AA/1-allyloxy -2,3 propanediol.